

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-15 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-2, 4, 7-9 and 12-15 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are presented for reconsideration.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101:

Claims 7-10 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

With regard to claims 14-15, these claims were rejected as apparatus claims which improperly depend from a method claim. These claims have been appropriately amended. Withdraw of the rejection is respectfully requested.

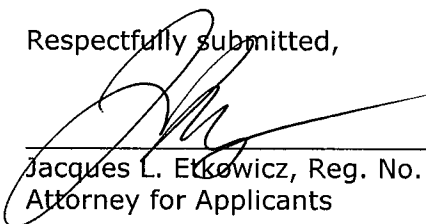
With regard to claims 7-10, these claims were rejected as not falling under a statutory category of invention. These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Withdraw of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph:

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims have been amended to be more clear. Withdraw of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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